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SUBJECT: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: MAY 16 AFTERNOON SESSION

1. BY 50 VOTES OUT OF 60 DEPUTIES PRESENT CA ADOPTED DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAW. ASSEMBLY WILL RECONVENE MAY 19 TO BEGIN DEBATE OF DRAFT UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAW.

2. BEFORE FINAL VOTE A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE LAW. DEPUTIES APPROVED ADDITION OF FOL-

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QUOTE ARTICLE 25 (3) ALL BALLOTS OF ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE PRINTED IN THE SAME COLOR ON WHITE PAPER AND PACKED IN EQUAL NUMBERS. EACH PACKAGE SHOULD HAVE MARKED ON IT THE NUMBER

OF BALLOTS AND CONTAIN AT LEAST 100 BALLOTS. UNQUOTE

3. FIRST PARAGRAPH AND FIRST SENTENCE OF SECOND PARAGRAPH ARTICLE 32 MODIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE ARTICLE 32 (1) THE DAY AFTER VOTES HAVE BEEN COUNTED, THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE POLLING BOOTH WILL PREPARE A REPORT IN QUADRUPLICATE.

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(2) IN THE PROVINCES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL POST ONE COPY OF THE REPORT IN HIS OFFICE, KEEP ONE COPY FOR HIMSELF AND FORWARD TWO COPIES TOGETHER WITH THE BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 31, IF ANY, FOR A SUMMING UP OF THE RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT ....UNQUOTE

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4. ARTICLE 38 HAS BEEN MODIFIED IN WAY WHICH APPEARS TO RENDER IT MEANINGLESS. WE DOUBLE-CHECKING TEXT OF ARTICLE WITH CA AND WILL REPORT IT SEPARATELY.

5. ARTICLE 39 CHANGED SO THAT WORDS "ONE WEEK" NOW READ "TWO WEEKS".

6. FIRST SENTENCE ARTICLE 57 CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOW: "COMPLAINTS WITH RESPECT TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS LAW MUST BE FILED AT A LOCAL CONCILIATION COURT OR A LOCAL CONCILIATION COURT WITH EXTENDED JURISDICTION ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1967 AT THE

EARLIEST AND SEPTEMBER 6, 1967, AT THE LATEST." DATE IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF SAME ARTICLE CHANGED FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 28.

7. DEPUTIES THEN APPROVED WHOLESALE CHANGE IN DATES FOR FILING CANDIDACY, POSTING LISTS, ETC. IN ALL, NINE ARTICLES MODIFIED AS A RESULT. ELECTION DAY ITSELF NOT AFFECTED. WE WILL INCORPORATE DATE CHANGES IN OUR TRANSLATION FINALLY APPROVED VERSION OF ELECTION LAW WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

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